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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John R. Prybella, Susan Roberts and Jose Luyo

Application No.: 10/801,180

Group No.: 2856

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Examiner: Raevis, Robert

For: Closed Method and System for the Sampling and Testing of Fluid

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

|   | (Col. 1)                                  | (Col. 2)                              | (Col. 3)         | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |               |      |  |
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| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |   |                                       |                  | + \$ 0.00                 | = \$          | 0.00 |  |
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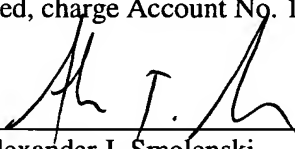
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### FEE DEFICIENCY

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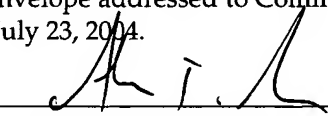
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**ELECTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated June 24, 2004, Applicants submit the following election.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.